

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2762-01  
Bill No.: SB 770  
Subject: Consumer Protection; Telecommunications  
Type: Original  
Date: January 3, 2002

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development–Office of Public Counsel** (in response to a similar proposal) and **Public Service Commission** assume the proposal would have minimal or no fiscal impact on their agencies.

This bill creates a requirement for a signed statement from a customer for a telecommunications company to charge the customer for Internet services. The **Office of the Secretary of State** assumes, based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations, and forms issued by the Public Service Commission could require as many as approximately two pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes, and the like are not repeated in the Code. These costs are estimated. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27. (2 X \$27 + 3 x \$23 = \$123) The actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded, and withdrawn.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

This proposal could have a direct fiscal impact upon small businesses operating in the telecommunications industry.

## DESCRIPTION

This proposal would allow a telecommunications company to charge a customer for Internet access service upon receipt of a signed statement from the customer for that service. The Public Service Commission could promulgate rules to enforce the act.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This proposal would not affect Total State Revenue.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State  
Department of Economic Development  
Public Service Commission  
Office of Public Counsel



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